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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits the following interview summary for the above-identified case.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

A telephone interview was conducted on August 28, 2007 with Examiner Justin M. Larson and Supervisory Patent Examiner Nathan J. Newhouse.

During the interview, U.S. 2,893,167 (Davidson) and U.S. 879,370 (Dennison) were discussed.

Applicant provided a proposed amended claim 1 in order to define over the boss/recess arrangement disclosed in Davidson. Applicant asserted that the specific axial orientation of the boss toward the rim, as defined in proposed amended claim 1, was distinct from the annular shaped ridge/recess shown in Davidson. Applicant asserted the combination of Davidson and Dennison still lacked the boss/recess as specifically defined in proposed amended claim 1. Examiner maintained that the annular ridge and annular recess in Davidson teaches, in general, how to lock two slidably coupled components and that the specific orientation of the boss as defined in proposed amended claim 1 was irrelevant.

Discussion shifted to other features distinguishing the present invention over Dennison. Examiner suggested amending claim 1 to further define the support surface as forming a closed end of the receptor portion and as being formed integrally with the receptor portion in order to define over Dennison.

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Respectfully submitted,

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